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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR LOA; M113A1 SERIES VEHICLES

REF: (A) DA 091726Z APR 76

(B) DA WASHDC 021347Z APR 75

(C) STATE 63992 DTG 162359Z MAR 76

1. REF A PROVIDED SERIES OF QUESTIONS FOR WHICH RESPONSES WERE REQUESTED. REF B PROVIDED FOUR PHASE TRAINING PLAN ON EARLIER LOA'S FOR M113A1. REF C ADVISED LOA'S FOR M113A1 AND M109A1'S WOULD BE PROVIDED.

2. RESPONSES REQUESTED REFTEL A FOLLOWS. THIS DISCUSSION APPLIES TO M113A1 SERIES BEHICLES ONLY. RESPONSE REQUIRED FOR LOA ON ARTY WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY.

3. SOME MISUNDERSTANDING JHPARENT ON LOA FOR M113A1 VEHICLES. THIS REQUEST IS FOR THE VEHICLES COMPLETE PER U.S. CONFIGURATION
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TO INCLUDE RADIOS. IN ADDITION GOK HAS REQUESTED AMMUNITION;

MAINT CAPABILITY; CONCURRENT R/P; AND TRAINING FOR THE M113A1
SERVIES VEHICLES. ADDITIONAL INFO PROVIDED ON ORGANIZATIONAL
STRUCTURE WAS TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING TYPE AND AMOUNT OF
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO BE INSTALLED (PARTICULARLY IN THE
M577A1'S.) GOK DOES NOT RPT NOT DESIRE ALL TO AND E
EQUIPMENT IN A MECH BN/BDE.

4. COMMENTS ON TRAINING PLAN REF B. IN GENERAL, REF B APPEARS
PROPOSE A PLAN WHEREIN U.S. PERSONNEL WOULD DO ALL TRAINING
FOR THE MAJORITY OF PERSONNEL INVOLVED. REQUEST REORIENT BASIC
APPROACH TO THAT OF TRAINING A KUWAITI INSTRUCTOR CADRE OF ABOUT
50 PERSONNEL IN CONUS WHO WOULD THEN CONDUCT THE BULK OF OPERATOR
AND MAINTENANCE TRAINING IN COUNTRY THROUGH BOTH FORMAL AND ON-
THE-JOB TRAINING. THIS CADRE WOULD BE ASSISTED BY A MINIMAL
NUMBER OF US PERSONNEL.

A. PHASE I. DO NOT CONCUR WITH 5 MAN MTT - SEE PARA 4 ABOVE.
REQUEST DEFINITION OF TRAINING PLAN FOR APPROX 50 PERSONNEL
TO INCLUDE:

- 22) ENGLANG TF
- IN (DLI) 52 WKS
- (2) TECHNICAL COURSES
- (3) OJT FOR ABOUT 6 MONTHS IN GS/DS/OPERATIONAL UNIT
- (4) DEFINITION OF TRAINING AIDS FOR USE IN COUNTRY
- (5) PREPARATION OF POI FOR USE IN COUNTRY.

B. PHASE II. CONUS TRAINING AS DISCUSSED ABOVE.

C. PHASE III. IN COUNTRY TRAINING. TRAINING TO BE CONDUCTED
BY KUWAITI INSTRUCTOR CADRE WITH ASSISTANCE BY LIMITED NUMBER
OF US PERSONNEL.

XG. PHASE IV. FOLLOW-ON TRAINING. FOLLOW-ON TRAINING (OJT)
WILL BE PROVIDED BY KUWAITI INSTRUCTOR PERSONNEL ASSISTED BY
MINIMAL NUMBER OF US PERSONNEL, AUGMENTED BY CONUS TRAINING
OF SELECTED INDIVIDUALS IN US SERVICE SCHOOLS (TO BE SCHEDULED,
ETC., THROUGH NORMAL TRAINING PROGRAMMING PRODEDURES).

5. IN ADDITION TO EQUIPMENT, IT IS BELIEVED ESSENTIAL THAT A
LINE ITEM FOR IN-COUNTRY DOD PERSONNEL AUGMENTATION BE INCLUDED
IN THE EQUIPMENT LOA WITH INITIAL PERSONNEL IN COUNTRY WITHIN
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90 DAYS AFTER ACCEPTANCE OF CASE. THIS OFFICE WILL PROVIDE
QUALIFIED MANPOWER FOR ADMINISTRATION OF FMS CASE AND DEFINITION
OF SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS, ETC.

MANNING IS SUGGESTED AS:

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MAJ MECHANICAL MAINT OFF 4815 90 DAYS
E 6/7 OPERATIONS NCO 63H 90 DAYS
CWO MECHANICAL MAINT OFF 631A 90 DAYS
CWO SIGNAL MAINT OFF 286A 180 DAYS
E 3/4 CLERK TYPIST 71B 180 DAYS

CURRENT LOCAL COST INFO FOR SUPPORT OF THESE PERSONNEL CAN BE OBTAINED FROM FMS CASE DSAA-KU-AAA. ADDITIONALLY, A LINE ITEM FOR TDY OF US GOVT PERSONNEL (FROM CONUS) AS MAY BE REQUIRED ON CALL OF SENIOR DEF REP IN COUNTRY SHOULD BE INCLUDED. SUGGEST AMOUNT OF 100 K.

6. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS APPLY TO PREPARATION OF TRAINING PLAN:

A. ANTICIPATE THAT A LIMITED NUMBER OF KUWAITI PERSONNEL WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING IN THE US. PERSONNEL TRAINED IN THE US WILL ALL REQUIRE ENGLANGTRNG. MAJORITY OF REMAINING EM IN M113A1 ORGANIZATION WILL MOST PROBABLY BE DRAFTEES OF 8-11 YEARS EDUCATION AND LOW MECHANICAL ABILITY AND/OR LOW EDUCATION LEVEL BEDOUINS WITH LIMITED OR NO ENGLANG CAPABILITY.
B. OPERATION AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT OF VEHICLES ARE PRIMARY CONCERN. TACTICS, DEPLOYMENT AND ORGANIZATIONAL CONCEPTS ARE RESPONSIBILITIES OF GOK.

7. FOLLOWING COMMENTS KEYED TO PARA NO. IN (REF A):

A. M-113 SERIES VEHICLES
(1) AND (1A): TWO ORGANIZATIONS NOW BEING CONSIDERED FOR M113A1 SERIES VEHICLES. BOTH ORGANIZATIONS WOULD BE USED AS A PART OF A LARGER FORCE, I.E., NOT AS A SEPARATE BDE REQUIRING SUPPORT CO., ETC. THERE IS NO INTENTION TO MIRROR U.S. TO AND E FOR THE M113A1 SERIES ORGANIZATION.
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B. GOK DOES NOT RPT NOT DESIRE ALL TO AND E EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATED WITH MECH INF BN/BDE. THIS LOA SHOULD
BE FVD VEHICLES COMPLETE
PER U.S. CONFIGURATION; AMMUNITION, MAINT CAPABILITY AND CONCURRENT RP. TRAINING SHOULD BE SEPARATE LOA.
(2) TRAINING AMMUNITION BASED ON U.S. STANDARDS IS DESIRED.
(3) UNPOS FORMED ARE NEW UNITS.
(4) SEE PARA A(1) ABOVE.

B. MCXA THIS MSG

C. DS/GS MAINT AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT: (1) DS/GS/LIMITED DEPOT SUPPORT CONDUCTED AT MAIN WORKSHOP LOCATIONS; SEVERAL FORWARD WORKSHOPS ARE BASICALLY DS/COVA ORGANIZATIONAL LEVEL SUPPORT AND ORGANIZATIONAL (LIMITED) SUPPORT AT UNIT LEVEL. SUPPLY SUPPORT MAINTAINED AT CENTRAL LOCATION AND SEVERAL FORWARD LOCATIONS. ALTHO SIMILARITIES EXIST IN LOGISTIC ORGANIZATION,

IT DOES NOT MIRROR U.U.1

SYSTEM. (NOTE SMALL SIZE OF COUNTRY
OVER WHICH SUPPORT MUST BE PROVIDED.)

(2) SEE C (1) ABOVE. MIX OF EQUIPMENT IN COUNTRY CAUSES DIFFI-
CULTIES IN BOTH CROSS-TRAINING OF PERSONNEL AND IN MAINTAINING
ADEQUATE EXPERIENCE IN LEVELS OF MAINT REQUIRED. ESTABLISHMENT
OF GS/LIMITED DEPOT CAPABILITY DESIRED AT CENTRAL LOCATION.

(3) DS/GS; LIMITED DEPOT LEVEL MAINT CAPABILITY.

(4) BOTH VICKERS AND CENTURION TANKS (BRITISH) ARE MAINTAINED
TO LIMITED DEPOT LEVELS AS ARE OBSOLETE BRITISH/SARACEN SERIES
VEHICLES. MOST OF THE MECHANICS TRAINED ON THIS EQUIPMENT
WILL BE REQUIRED UNTIL THIS EQUIPMENT IS PHASED OUT OR WILL
BE ABSORBED INTO THE CHIEFTAIN TANK PROGRAM. DOUBTFUL THAT THESE
PERSONNEL WOULD BE AVAILABLY FOR CROSS TRAINING. COMMUNICATIONS
EQUIP IN COUNTRY PRIMARILY BRITISH ALTHOUGH US EQUIPMENT WILL
BE INTRODUCED WITH IHAWK EQUIPMENT.

8. REQUEST ADVISE IF SUFFICIENT INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED
FOR LOA PREPARATION ON M113A1 VEHICLES.

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